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REMARKS

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1. Lieutenant Colonel Franchenko, (fnu), commanding officer of Arty Unit [redacted] in the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guostrowerstrasse, Schwerin, left for reassignment and was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Kirilov, (fnu). (1) Lieutenant Colonel Gorin, (fnu), was in command of Mtz Hv Arty Unit [redacted] in the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster-chaussee. (2) A motor vehicle repair shop and a motor transport school were in the Marstall, the former ducal stables, on Vorderstrasse. (3) [redacted] Colonel Rozin, (fnu), who was previously reported to be chief of military police, was reidentified as Colonel Bruzin, (fnu), commanding officer of Unit [redacted] on Hagenowerstrasse. (5) Major Alekseyev, (fnu), was reidentified as commanding officer of Arty Unit [redacted] (6)

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2. Colonel Lovanov, (fnu), was commanding officer of Tank Unit [redacted] which moved from Perleberg to the Neue Kaserne, Parchim. (7)

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3. Unit [redacted] commanded by Colonel Ballandin, (fnu), has returned to Ludwigslust from Dranse. The personnel of the motor vehicle drivers' school commanded by him was increased by 220 soldiers. (8)

4. Colonel Susdalov, (fnu), assumed command of Unit [redacted] at the Techentin airfield. He succeeded Colonel Sharokha, (fnu), who was transferred for reassignment. (9) Lieutenant Colonel Lomov, (fnu), was commanding officer of Unit [redacted] succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Romashenko, (fnu), who was transferred. (10) Colonel Rokovyev, (fnu), was the new commanding officer of Mtz Arty Unit [redacted]. The previous commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kozelov, (fnu), left for reassignment. (11) Unit [redacted] previously located in the Marstall and later in Parchim, was stationed at the Techentin airfield. (12)

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5. Judging by the order for the delivery of 110 bedsteads before 26 August 1950, small Unit [redacted] in the Seegrenzschlachthof (slaughterhouse) in Wismar apparently received 110 replacements prior to late August 1950. (13) Major Nishcheta, (fnu), was commander of a tank unit in Wismar. (14)

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- 25X1 6. Colonel Troshin was commandant of the Greifswald post headquarters [redacted] (15)
- 25X1 7. Lieutenant Colonel Vidiborets, (fnu), was commanding officer of Naval Unit [redacted] in the Fueselner Kaserne on Ulmenstrasse in Rostock. (3)
8. It was ordered that the improvement and reconstruction of garages with heat at the Perleberg, Parchim, Ludwigslust and Hagenow posts receive priority over all other barracks construction work.
9. According to Soviet military personnel the Russians were concerned about the political situation developing from the Korean war. Several officers said that after the outbreak of the Korean war they expected a protest by the Western Powers and, at the most, a UN intervention on paper. They were stupefied by the USA intervention in the Korean war. They also said that should the U.S.S.R. enter the war the Soviet heavy industry would be wiped out by US long-distance bombers against which there was no efficient means of defense. It was the impression that officers who were veterans of World War II were not in the mood for another war.

- 25X1 [redacted] Comments.
- 25X1 (1) Franchenko was repeatedly reported [redacted] as commanding officer of Unit [redacted]. In June 1950 his rank was given as colonel. 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted]
- 25X1 (2) Lieutenant Colonel Gorin was last identified in January 1950 [redacted] as commanding officer of [redacted] the 115th How Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] to the artillery unit commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Korolov, (fnu), which is the 136th Gun Arty Regt. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) Major Kudrevzev, (fnu), was previously reported as chief of the motor vehicle repair shop. Major Ryneshin, (fnu), was previously reported as commanding officer [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (4) [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (5) Colonel Bruzin is probably chief of military police at the Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, [redacted] in the former DAF (German Labor Front) building on Hagenowstrasse, Schwerin. In a previous report his name was given as Rozin. [redacted] The division headquarters is confirmed prior to August 1950. 25X1
- 25X1 (6) According to the present report and previous information the Fritsch Kaserne is believed to house two artillery units [redacted] commanded by Colonel Uvarov, (fnu), and [redacted] commanded by Major Alekseyev. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (7) [redacted] the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div in Parchim [redacted] Colonel Lovanov was previously reported as commanding officer of the unit. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (8) Vallandin was still a lieutenant colonel in October 1949. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] He presumably commands a transport unit of the Hq 18th Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (9) [redacted]
- 25X1 Colonel Sharokha was previously reported. [redacted] A Lieutenant Colonel Susdalov was commanding officer of the 57th Gds Tank Breakthrough Regt at the end of World War II. He probably is the Colonel Susdalov mentioned in the present report. 25X1
- 25X1 (10) [redacted]

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